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The Soviet construction staff which began work in

resemblance to a Soviet construction firm was quartered in the barracks installation on Ibricnt Strasse in Leipzig. Colonel Litvinov wore black-bordered black epaulets and insignia, similar to two crossed shovels. His deputy was Colonel Patuski (fmr a Gen). The staff with a total strength of about 200 men further comprised several Soviet field officers and a sizeable number of German construction engineers and technicians. The staff was equipped well with construction machinery. The Soviet construction staff also supervised construction work at the Paretz-Miederneuendorf Canal.

The office of the Soviet Construction Staff Litvinov for the construction projects at the Oranienburg and Schorfheide airfields was located in temporary buildings at Schorfheide airfield. Colonel Kirik (fnu) was the chief of this office prior to his return to the USSR in July 1953. About 4 Soviet field officers, 5 or 6 captains and about 40 Germans were employed at the office. The Construction Staff Litvinov was represented at the Oranienburg construction site by a construction office which was headed by a lieutenant colonel and was subordinate to Colonel Kirik in Schorfheide. Two field officers, 5 German engineers, 2 interpreters, and 7 clerks were employed at the construction office in Oranienburg, which according to plans was charged with the control of construction work regarding its quality and accuracy. Accounts for construction work at Oranienburg were turned in by the Baununion Leipzig to the Construction Staff Litvinov, which, however, proved incorrect in financial matters. Construction Staff Litvinov provided the construction machinery, equipment and machinery for the Schorfheide and Oranienburg construction sites. The co-operation between Baununion Leipzig and the Construction Staff Litvinov was very poor as were the relations between the liaison officer of the Soviet Construction Staff Werder in Oranienburg, Major Ladinski (fnu), and the construction office of the Construction Staff Litvinov in Oranienburg. There were continuous controversies between Major Ladinski and the lieutenant colonel of the Construction Staff Litvinov. However, Major Ladinski usually won his point.

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3. It appears to have been purely accidental that the Construction Staff Litvinov had been charged with the supervision of airfield construction work at Oranienburg and Schorfheide. The construction staff involved may have been given the mission, because other work was not available at the time. The Litvinov organization was overstaffed in regards to the scope of the mission assigned to it. By order of the Soviet construction headquarters in Werder the designs for the construction of the airfield in Oranienburg were made by the Bauunion Leipzig. [redacted] Construction Staff Litvinov was also charged with the supervision of other airfield construction work in addition to the construction of Oranienburg and Schorfheide airfields. 25X1
4. In the late fall of 1952, Bauunion Leipzig had to do concreting work at Oranienburg airfield even when the temperature had dropped below minus 2° Centigrade. 25X1
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